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- 1. ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO SUBJECT SUB-COMMITTEE: ALGERIA, BULGARIA, COLOMBIA, FRANCE, IRAQ, JAMAICA, NIGERIA, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL, SOMALIA, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, USSR, UK, VENEZUELA, AND ZAIRE. THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT (E/5904 OF 29 DECEMBER, 1976) ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THE ECOSOC MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE PREPCOM FROM SIXTEEN TO TWENTY-ONE.
- 2. WEO GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THE PREPCOM FOCUSED ON TWO ISSUES. FIRSTLY, WHETHER COUNTRIES WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPCOM IN VIEW OF THE RACISM/ZIONISM RESOLUTION. BOTH FRENCH AND UK REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPCOM DOES NOT IMPLY SUPPORT FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE PER SE AND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO REMOVE THE RACISM/ZIONISM ISSUE FROM THE CONFERENCE. SECONDLY, SEVERAL WEO'S EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE WEO GROUP HAD BEEN ALLOTTED ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREE OF THE EIGHTEEN POSITIONS AVAILABLE. THIS PROVED TO BE A MOOT POINT, SINCE ONLY THE UK, FRANCE, AND PORTUGAL SOUGHT MEMBERSHIP.

3. IN KEEPING WITH OUR STANDING POLICY, THE USG NEITHER PARTICIPATED IN THE WEO GROUP DISCUSSION NOR SOUGHT A POSITION ON THE PREPCOM.

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